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ST & SC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

NOTIFICATION

The 12th August 2014

SUBJECT : Reconstitution of State Level Monitoring Committee (SLMC) for implementation of the Scheduled Tribes and other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 and Rules made thereunder.

No. 23427—STSCD-FRA-COMMT-0002-2014-SSD—In pursuance to Rule 9 of the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 and Ammended Rules, 2012 of the Government of India in the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, the State Level Monitoring Committee (SLMC) is hereby reconstituted to monitor implementation of the Act and Rules in the State of Odisha as under.

The Committee reconstituted herewith will be effective from the date of its notification and the Committee formed earlier vide this Resolution No. 25408-SSD, dated the 3rd September 2012 stands ceased:

- (1) The Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 and Rules notified by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Government of India seek to provide rights over forest land in their occupation to forest dwelling Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers who have been residing there for generations but whose right could not be recorded.
- (2) In order to ensure proper implementation of the Act expeditiously in compatible with the rules provided under it and in pursuance to this Department Resolution No. 4694-SSD, dated the 2nd February 2008, Government after careful consideration have been pleased to reconstitute the State Level Monitoring Committee with the following members namely :—

(i) Chief Secretary	..	Chairperson
(ii) Addl. Chief Secretary, Rev. & DM Deptt.	..	Member
(iii) Principal Secretary, Forest & Env. Deptt.	..	Member
(iv) Secretary, ST & SC Dev. Deptt.	..	Member
(v) Secretary, Panchayati Raj Deptt.	..	Member
(vi) Principal, Chief Conservator of Forests	..	Member
(vii) Shri Balabhadra Majhi, Hon'ble MLA	..	Member
(viii) Shri Dambaru Sisa, Hon'ble MLA	..	Member
(ix) Shri Jogesh Kumar Singh, Hon'ble MLA	..	Member
(x) Additioinal Secretary- <i>cum</i> -Director (ST)	..	Member-Convener

(3) The State Level Monitoring Committee shall :

- (a) devise criteria and indicators for monitoring the process of recognition and vesting of forest rights ;
- (b) monitor the process of recognition, verification and vesting of forest rights in the State ;
- (c) meet at least once in three months to monitor the process of recognition, verification and vesting of forest rights, consider and address the field level problems, and furnish a quarterly report in the prescribed format to the Central Government on their assessment regarding the status of claims, the compliance with the steps required under the Act, details of claims approved, reasons of rejection, if any and the status of pending claims;
- (d) on receipt of a notice as mentioned in Section 8 of the Act, take appropriate actions against the concerned authorities under the Act;
- (e) Monitor Resettlement under sub-section (2) of Section 4 of the Act;
- (f) Specifically monitor compliance of the provisions contained in (m) of sub-section (1) of Section 3 and sub-section (8) of Section 4.

ORDER— Ordered that the Notification be published in the extra-ordinary issue of the *Odisha Gazette* and copies thereof be sent to All Departments of Government / All Heads of Department / All Collectors/ and Sub-Collectors at the earliest.

By order of the Governor
SANJEEB KUMAR MISHRA
Commissioner-*cum*-Secretary to Govt.